(c) Preventive steps as laid down in detail in the Coal Mines Regulations, directives of Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Expert Committee recommendations as also in the recommendations of various Courts of Inquiry, Safety Conferences, etc. are adopted by the mine managements. For better observance of these steps Government is promoting self-regulation by coal companies through internal safety audits, workers' participation in safety management, tripartite/bipartite reviews at various levels training and re-training of work persons, observance of safety weeks/safety campaigns and National Safety awards.

Free Trade Zones in Madhya Pradesh

694. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding Free Trade Zones (FTZ) in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government propose to set up new Free Trade Zones in view of the increasing exports from Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when these Zones are likely to be set up;

(d) whether there is any specific demand from Bilaspur and Raipur Divisions to set up FTZ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no Free Trade Zone in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The terms "Free Trade Zones" (FTZ) and "Export Processing Zones" (EPZ) in the Indian Context are synonymous. Keeping in view the availability of funds and the need to optimise infrastructural facilities in the existing Export Processing Zones there is no porposal at present for the Central Government to set up new Zones in the country. However, EPZs can now be established by the State Governments or in joint/private sectors.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Workshop for Elimination of Child Labour

695. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a workshop of District Collectors and Deputy Commissioners on elimination of child labour was held in New Delhi on September 13, 1995;

(b) if so, what suggestions and observations were made therein; and

(c) what was the consensus arrived at in respect of different issues?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The main recommendations made in the workshop included inter-alia, the following:

(i) Need to ensure a convergence of programmes of Central and State Governments in child labour endemic districts in order to tackle the child labour problem effectively;

(ii) Strengthening of laws like Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 and training and equipping enforcement personnel to effectively enforce laws protective of children.

(iii) Achieving effectiveness of child labour projects, by strictly monitoring and evaluating them.

(iv) Adoption of effective educational strategies for the education and vocational training of children withdrawn from work.